

## Newsletter no.2-May 2022

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### Dear national age/maturity coordinator

From now on newsletters (new and old) can be found on the SmartDots webpage and will not be e-mailed to country coordinators. <https://smartdots.ices.dk/newsletter> This information has been sent out to country coordinators.

Approval of funding for the development of maturity and ichthyoplankton modules in the software is in the final phase.

An update to the standard report template to come out of SmartDots after an exchange/workshop has been done. The analyses use information about reader ranking which means that country coordinators have to update the information about their readers in SmartDots. <https://smartdots.ices.dk/manage/ListOperations> (Add new users and edit their First Year Age Reading and Number of Years Reading Otoliths).

Discussions about otolith reference collections have been initiated. A collaboration with WGBIOP has been started to decide what a reference collection should include (e.g number of otoliths, species-specific or stock-specific,...) and how it should be used. WGSMART will be responsible for the technical adaptations in SmartDots.

We would also like to use this opportunity to remind you all about your responsibility as a national age/maturity coordinator;

- Please make sure your readers/stagers are updated in SmartDots.
- If a WGBIOP exchange or workshop is to be run by someone else at your institute, it is your responsibility as coordinator to propose and delegate the event in SmartDots.
- All exchanges, workshops and stock assessment relevant training events need to be reported on and published in SmartDots.

Best regards  
WGSMART